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SENATE BILL NO. 73

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

ANIMALS. Prohibits the use of certain forms of euthanasia in animals. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 3:2465(C), relative to operating procedures for animal shelters;
3	to prohibit euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs beginning
4	on January 1, 2015 and thereafter; to prohibit euthanasia by intracardiac injection on
5	a conscious animal; and to provide for related matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 3:2465(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§2465. Operating procedures
9	* * *
10	C. Euthanasia:
11	(1) Euthanasia methods and procedures must conform with
12	recommendations outlined in the report of the American Veterinary Medical
13	Association on Euthanasia, dated July 1, 1978, or as revised except as provided in
14	Subparagraphs (C)(2) and (C)(3) of this Paragraph.
15	(2) Euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs shall
16	be prohibited beginning on January 1, 2015 and thereafter.
17	(3) Euthanasia by intracardiac injection on cats and dogs shall be

1 prohibited unless the animal is unconscious or rendered completely unconscious 2 and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic. 3 (2)(4) Euthanasia personnel shall attend the Humane Society of the United 4 States Academy on Euthanasia or an equivalent program within one year of date of 5 employment. 6 7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 8 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature 9

by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

DIGEST

<u>Present law</u> provides that euthanasia methods and procedures must conform with recommendations outlined in the report of the American Veterinary Medical Association on Euthanasia.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides an exception to <u>present law</u> by prohibiting euthanasia by carbon monoxide gas chambers on cats and dogs beginning on January 1, 2015 and thereafter.

<u>Proposed law</u> further prohibits euthanasia by intracardiac injection on cats and dogs unless the animal is unconscious or rendered completely unconscious and insensitive to pain through the injection of an anesthetic.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:2465(C))

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